

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, was leader's time reserved?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. It was.

EDMUND S. MUSKIE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, during a speech in the 1968 Presidential campaign, Senator Edmund Muskie, who was the Democrat nominee for Vice President, told his audience, "you have the God-given right to kick the Government around—don't hesitate to do so."

That remark was pure Ed Muskie. Blunt. To the point. And leaving no doubt that Americans should expect the best of their public officials.

And the best is just what the people of Maine and America received from Ed Muskie during a public service career that spanned five decades.

Along with all Senators, I join today in mourning the death of Ed Muskie, who passed away here in Washington early this morning.

The son of a Polish immigrant, Ed Muskie grew up knowing about the blessings of freedom and democracy, and he spent a life time standing up for those blessings, beginning with serving for 3 years in the Atlantic and Asiatic-Pacific Theaters in World War II.

After the war, he returned to his beloved Maine, and soon began his political career as a Democrat in a State that for over a century had rarely elected anybody but Republicans.

Ed Muskie changed all that. During his 6 years in the State house of representatives, his 4 years as Governor, and his 21 years in the U.S. Senate, Ed Muskie's intelligence and integrity changed the voting habits of Maine—many of whom called themselves Muskie Republicans.

Ed's years in the Senate were highlighted by his service as the first chairman of the Senate Budget Committee. I was proud to be on that committee with him at that time. In that role, Ed took some criticism from those of his party who believed he was too tough in his opposition to increased spending.

He handled this criticism by saying that America would not get its fiscal house in order if we continued to have public servants who—and I quote—"talked like Scrooge on the campaign trail, and voted like Santa Clause in the Senate."

Ed Muskie was a patriot who always answered the call of his Nation. He resigned from the Senate when President Carter asked him to serve as Secretary of State. And when Ronald Reagan—the man who defeated President Carter—asked him to serve on the Tower Commission, Ed was there, as well.

Mr. President, the State of Maine and America are better because of Ed Muskie's life and career.

I know all Senators join with me in extending our condolences to his family and friends.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I want to thank and commend the majority leader for these comments. I join in the feeling which he has spoken so very eloquently about.

I wanted to speak very briefly on Senator Muskie. I do not know whether others wanted to speak on this matter, but I have some remarks.

I ask unanimous consent that we extend our recess time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KENNEDY. I thank the leader very much.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I simply wanted to commend the majority leader for his comments about the late Senator Muskie. I did not know him well. I had met him a number of times. This was an era when there is often a caricature created about those involved in public service. He represented, I think, what is the best of public service. He was smart, tough, strong. He served not only the State of Maine but this country with great distinction.

All of us who had met him, or those of us who had crossed paths with him over the years will miss him. We extend our sympathies to the Muskie family. I yield the floor.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I join in thanking the majority leader for his comments about Senator Muskie, and I would like to express my appreciation to others for their comments.

Ed Muskie was a fellow New Englander, and over his long and distinguished career, his friendship for the members of our family and for my brothers was very real, ongoing, and based upon our very high regard and great respect for Senator Muskie.

As has been pointed out here in the Senate, he was a Senator's Senator. I like to think of him as being the foremost authority on preserving the environment. Senator Muskie inherited this extraordinary commitment because he represented one of the most beautiful States in our country, the State of Maine. He spent a good deal of time on that issue as Governor and gave it very special attention in the Senate, where he championed the Clean Water Act and other environmental reforms. We made great progress in preserving the environment in those years, and Ed Muskie deserves the commendation and the gratitude of a nation.

He also took on challenging responsibilities as the first chairman of the Budget Committee, in trying to ensure that the Nation acts responsibly in its financial affairs. With his extraordinarily gifted mind and his ability to analyze and understand complex issues, he was able to get at the heart of the problem and master the details of a budget in a way which all of us admired and respected. He played an enormously important role in trying to

put this country on a path toward a more sensible and responsible fiscal policy.

His work as Secretary of State was outstanding as well. His key role in the release of the American hostages in Iran was an extraordinary diplomatic initiative and achievement. It was when he served as Secretary of State that this Nation achieved new heights in the preservation of human rights around the world, a cause which he championed.

Many commentators have described Ed Muskie as Lincolnesque. He was Lincolnesque in stature and character—a tall, lean man, a towering figure, with those piercing eyes and strong features that characterized an enormously gifted mind and a backbone of steel and courage.

He was a great public servant for our time. The people of Maine were well served, the Senate was well served, and the country was well served in a range of different responsibilities that he undertook.

Mr. President, I join with those expressing our sense of sorrow and loss to his wife Jane and the other members of the Muskie family. We will be saying our prayers for Ed Muskie and for his family. I yield the floor.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now stand in recess until the hour of 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:49 p.m., recessed until 2:14 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer [Mr. DEWINE].

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I need to have a brief discussion with the Democratic leader. Therefore, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)